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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" At least, I do not think that the Public Services Commission will advertise the posts, because these persons have been working in the Department for a long time and I think they also possess the requisite qualifications. All that the Commission may have to do is to look into the question of communal representation, fixation of number of posts for each community and so on. If all these things are examined and finalised, the Commission will send in their recommendations."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Are there any persons now in service, who do not possess the requisite qualifications? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have no information. I think, they must be qualified."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is the Public Services Commission given work now. Is it still functioning? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know, Sir. But I think the Public Services Commission still exists (laughter) and they are doing their work."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of providing any refresher course for these persons in order to make them fit and competent so that in accordance with the new rules they may be absorbed in the new category that has been created? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir. The Public Services Commission will go into all details of their service and make suitable recommendations."

Replacement of the entomological assistants by recruiting Zoology or Agricultural B.Scs.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU : Will the Hon the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to replace any of the present assistants who have put in some years of useful and efficient service as entomological assistants by recruiting raw Zoology or Agricultural B.Scs. who have no experience in the field of investigation and control of malaria?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No."

Radium needles.

* 24 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) What the opinion of the Committee appointed by the Government to examine the radium needles is;

(*b*) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the table of this House; and

(*c*) whether the defective needles have been replaced?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The Committee considered the distribution of radium in the needles to be